

SUNDAY MORNING

5/14/23

Pastor John Byl

Pre-service Psalter 354

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 33

Reading of the Law of God

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Prayer

Psalter 53

Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Lord's Day 22

Comfort in the Hope of the Resurrection

- 1. Grounded in the death and resurrection of Jesus*
- 2. Attained in the future return of Jesus*
- 3. Realized in the prospect of being with Jesus*

Psalter 249 (standing)

Closing Prayer

Psalter 407

Doxology (Psalter 197)

Benediction

- 1. Why is the believer's death sometimes referred to as 'having fallen asleep'? How is this instructive about the certainty of the resurrection?*
- 2. What guarantee does Paul give for the certainty of the resurrection for the believer?*
- 3. Why does Paul introduce the certainty of the believer's future resurrection with the conditional statement "If we believe that Jesus died ..."? How does this demonstrate Paul's pastoral heart?*
- 4. In what way does the description of Christ's second coming found in verse 16 demonstrate the sure reality of our resurrection?*
- 5. What comforts are found in the certainty of the resurrection?*

SUNDAY EVENING

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Dr. Brian DeVries

Pre-service Psalter 358

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 259:1–4

Reading of the Westminster Larger

Catechism, Q. 75–78

Scripture Reading: Matthew 19:16 – 20:16

Prayer

Psalter 159:1–3

Sermon Text: Matthew 20:1–16

God's Gracious Rewards

1. *The Master's generosity*

2. *Works religion exposed*

3. *Kingdom compensation*

Psalter 87 (standing)

Closing Prayer

Psalter 407

Doxology of Praise (pg. 415)

Benediction

1. Not what my hands have done, can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne, can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do, can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears, can bear my awful load.
2. Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee,
can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.
3. Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save Thine, no other blood will do;
no strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
and with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
'Tis He who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;
I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives.

—Horatious Bonar

1. Describe the plot and main points in Jesus's parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matt. 20).
2. What does this parable teach about God's character? List several attributes (characteristics) of God that are highlighted.
3. What sin does Jesus expose by the parable's dialogue with the discontented workers?
4. Compare and contrast works-based religion with child-like trust in God's sovereign grace.
5. For whom are you working spiritually? What compensation are you seeking? Why?